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Umtata
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January 11. 1888.

My dear Sir,

I send herewith the Statistics of the diocese according to the forms sent from your office, in some cases some of the returns are imperfect, owing to imperfect information from some of the stations.

I forwarded to you last year an account of the work which was then forcing itself upon our attention in various parts of the diocese. I think that the needs of the diocese, which call not so urgently for help in men and in funds may be remarked divided into three heads.

1 The European settlers who are coming in, in such large numbers, into the upper plateau immediately under the Drakensberg range, extending south to the Cape Colony proper & Natal, thus the country forfeited by the rebels during the late war.

In this large track there are at least three distinct districts each of which will require a Missionary. We hope to be able to supply two of them very shortly, viz Macleay, and Mal-alinda; at the latter place, which is 50 miles west of Kopstad there will be a large native church for the future Missionary & superintendent as well as the European population.

2. The immigrant ~~Colonist~~ natives, from the colony and from England, who are spreading to the north east, urged both by political reasons, and by the acquisition of land seekers; we are more able to follow these, than the White people, as native catechists & Missionaries are more easily obtained, & are not such expensive articles as European Missionaries.

3 The heathen tribes around us, Ipolos & Bonvaues [illegible] and others; whose existence so long without any effort on the part of the church to Christianize them, is indeed a disgrace.

For my plans for work in the future 167
amongst these several reasonables I would
beg to refer you to my letter of last year:
and in asking for a renewal of the
S.P.G. grant for 1887, I would urge
most strongly that it should be increased
for the purposes, which I there attempted
to describe, either for all of them or a
part.

We have people, cities, congregations asking
to be cared for, & we cannot help them
we are falling back as a diocese, although
actually the existing missions remain
as they were.

One other point I think I mentioned in my
letter of last year, was the preparation of
candidates for orders. The growing importance of
this work, which is being carried on by Rev W.M.
Cameron at Umtata, in St John's College, cannot
be too strongly urged on: the future of our
work depends on our native ministry, and
the training of native clergy, moral, intellec-
tual and spiritual can only be carried on
under the eye of an experienced Priest, in a
College: at Umtata we have 5 or 6 actually

in training for orders, and as many more
in school who look forward to becoming theo-
logical students. For Mr Cameron's salary
of £200 a year, we have only the interest of
a sum of money bringing in £70 a year
could not the Society give another £100
in addition to the other grants, for this
purpose?

I have been enumerating our special need
and requirements, I know that the Society cannot
relieve them all but I do trust that the grant
to the diocese may be permanently raised, an
increase which I submit is demanded by the character
of the work.

For I am sorry to say that the Government
have lately intimated to us that the Educational
Grant both are to be reduced 20 per cent
during the coming year, which commences in
July next.

Two of our European deacons have been
ordained Priests, at the recent ordination.
Mr Steed at Umpukulu, by the Bishop
and Mr Stewart at Umtata by myself; the
latter will continue to work at St Johns Port
as before, and Mr. Steed at Applecote and

the adjacent district. 171 171

Two returns presented themselves for ordination as deacons, at the same time at Umtata, but their papers did not come up to the required Standard, so they were both rejected, - for the present: Otherwise both are suited both morally and apparently in their spiritual line to be useful men; and I trust that the intellectual qualification may be not be wanting, on their next appearance in the course of the year. They have both been reading under Mr Cameron: another very promising young catechist has left the college for Capetown, to work amongst his countrymen, under the Cowley Fathers. We hope to welcome him back after three years, when we hope he will have so far profited by his training there, as to be fit for ordination.

Believe me
My dear Sir
Yours very faithfully
J. Grahamstown
Bishop Coadjutor.

Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria Date

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Umtata
South Africa
Via King Williamstown
Jan.y 14th 1886

Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria.

Dear Sir

I herewith send you a Balance Sheet for the year 1885, with receipt from the Rev. H. Waters for a special grant from your Society.

I am, dear Sir
your obedient servant
Arthur S Gibson
Dioc: Sec:

The Rev. The Secretary
S. P. G.
19 Delahay Street
Westminster S. W.

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No. 739 St. JOHN'S MISSION, KAFFRARIA.

June 23rd 1885

Received of THE DIOCESAN SECRETARY the sum of Sixteen pounds, Nineteen shillings, & Eight pence on account of Special Grant from S. P. G.

£16. 19. 8

Helen Wales

Eden Fisher & Co., Printers, London.

Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria.

Balance Sheet for 1885.

Payments.		Receipts.	
To Salaries and Discount as per Quarterly letters of advice - - -	2530. 0. 0 ✓	By Bill No. 3445 -	632. 10. 0 ✓
To Rev. H. Waters, for S. Alban's Mission -	16. 19. 8 ✓	" " No. 2123 - -	24. 1. 2 ✓
Towards Quarterly Salary in December Rev. H. Waters - -	7. 1. 6 ✓	" " No. 3446 -	632. 10. 0 ✓
		" " No. 3447 -	632. 10. 0 ✓
		" " No. 3448 -	632. 10. 0 ✓
	£2,554. 1. 2		£2,554. 1. 2

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This Schedule to be sent with the application, so as to reach the Society before March 1, 1886.

Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria Date Jan^{y}. 21st 1886

Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria
Commissary in England { Rev. E. N. Coe. / Rev. Prebendy Symonds. / Rev. R. K. Otley }

1. Area of the Diocese:—Square Miles . . . 20,000
2. Total Population of the Diocese . . . about 450,000
3. Members of the Church of England . from 9,000 to 10,000
4. Communicants . . . . . about 2,600
5. Clergy . . . . . 2 Bishops / 20 Clergy = 22
6. Parishes or Missions 12
7. Total amount of income last year available for church purposes in the diocese, whether derived from
   (a) Income of the See (please to state the amount invested and the interest thereon) . . . . . 110.0.0 Interest on 2,000.0.0 Bishop's Income Endowment Fund. / 80.0.0 " " 1,000.0.0 Metropolitical Episcopal Endowment F. / Interest 92.19.4 Diocesan Sustentation Fund. / Interest 97.11.10 Sick & Aged Clergy Fund.
   (b) Local Endowments for the Clergy . . None
   (c) Contributions to the support of the Church under the following heads:
      1. Offertory Collections . . . 389.2.5
      2. Easter Offerings . . . . . none reported
      3. Pew Rents . . . . . none
      4. Other Donations 561.13.3
   (d) Colonial or Imperial Treasury . . . 2,175.2.6
   (e) Grant from S.P.G. 2,564.1.2
   (f) Grant from other Societies in England { 125.0.0 S.P.C.K. / 1,747.19.10 Scottish Board of Missions }
   (g) Special Funds raised in England . . . 977.9.8 Kaffrarian Church Mission Fund
   (h) Other Sources 1,338.16.2

TOTAL . . £10,059.5.0

8 Missions aided by S.P.G. in 1885, and the date at which each Mission first received the Society's aid.	9 Missionaries.	10 Annual Grant from S.P.G.	11 Income from Local Contributions or Endowment.	12 Is there 1. a Parsonage, 2. a Church, 3. both, or, 4. neither?	13 Is there a Collection for Missions of S.P.G.?
		£ s d			
Pro-Cathedral of S. John, Umtata	Right Rev. Bishop Key Rev. S. Adonis	140.0.0	Offert. 25.16.7	Both	Yes *
Clydesdale	Ven^{ble} Archdeacon Button Rev. J. G. Chater " E. Y. Dixon " W. Ngewensa " W. Y. Stead	502.10.0	Offert. 39.0.0 Govt 777.2.6	Both	Yes *
S. Mark's	Rev. E. L. Coakes " H. J. Mitchell " P. K. Masiza	660.0.0	Returns not sent in	Both	None in 1885
S. Peter's	Rev. E. L. Coakes " J. A. Williams " J. Boom	202.10.0	Returns imperfect Offert. 14.16.11 Govt. 110.0.0 Subsn^{s} List 79.18.3	Church	Yes
All Saints'	Rev. T. W. Green	290.0.0	Offert. 33.9.8 Govt 80.0.0	Parsonage	Yes
S. Augustine's	Rev. Alan G. S. Gibson " E. Jwara	300.0.0	Offert. 30.7.2 Govt. 65.15.0	Both	Yes
S. Alban's	Rev. H. Waters	264.0.0 (24.1. special 2)	Offert. 15.5.9 Govt. 15.0.0	Both	Yes
Kokstad	Rev. F. J. Adkin	110.0.0	Offert. 80.2.9	Church - Rent of parsonage paid by people.	None in 1885
S. Andrew's	Rev. C. D. Tonkin	50.0.0	—	Both	None sent to Dioc: Sec:

* sent in too late for transmission to England last year. Will be sent during this year - A84 Dioc: Sec:

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Diocese of S. Johns, Kaffraria.

Balance Sheet for 1895.

Payments.		Receipts	
To Salaries and Travel as per Quarterly Letters of Advice	£ 2530. 0. 0	By Bill No. 3446	£ 632. 10. 0
To Rev. H. Watts, for S. Albans Mission	16. 19. 8	" " No. 3123	34. 1. 2
Toronto Quarterly Balance in Dundee Rev. H. Watts	7. 1. 6	" " No. 3447	632. 10. 0
		" " No. 3467	632. 10. 0
		" " No. 3468	632. 10. 0
	£ 2554. 1. 2		£ 2554. 1. 2

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[Attention is particularly requested to the instructions on page 4 as to filling up this form.]

DIOCESE OF S. John's, Kaffraria

No. 3

Umtata, South Africa - via King Williamstown

March 18th 1886

Dear Sirs,

I beg leave to inform you that I have drawn upon you the under-mentioned Bills at 30 days' sight for £632 . 10 . 0 on account of the Society's Block Grant for the Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria, for the Quarter ending March 31st 1886 which amount has been appropriated to the Missionaries named in the annexed statement.

I am, dear Sirs,

Your faithful and obedient Servant,

Arthur S. Gibson
Dioc: Sec:

To the Treasurers of
The Society for the Propagation
of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,
19, Delahay Street, Westminster, London, S.W.

No. of Bill	DATE.	PAYEE.	AMOUNT. £	s.	d.
3449	March 17th 1886	The Standard Bank, Umtata	632	10	0

Diocese of _____

NAME OF MISSIONARY.	STATION.	Period of Service for which payment is made		Amount of Payment.		
		From	To	£	s.	d.
		1886				
Right Rev. Bishop Key	Umtata	Jan.y 1st	March 31st	12	10	0
Rev. S. Adonis	"	"	"	15	0	0
Venble Archdeacon Button	Clydesdale	"	"	62	10	0
Rev. J. G. Cloter	"	"	"	16	0	0
" W. Ngcwensa	"	"	"	25	0	0
Teachers	"	"	"	18	2	6
Rev. E. L. Coakes	S. Mark's	"	"	50	0	0
" P. Matiza	"	"	"	12	10	0
Teachers	"	"	"	46	10	0
" (Tsingoland)	"	"	"	21	12	6
Rev. W. Y. Stead	S. Peter's	"	"	12	10	0
" T. A. Williams	"	"	"	12	10	0
" J. Boom	"	"	"	7	10	0
Teachers	"	"	"	35	0	0
Rev. T. W. Green	All Saints'	"	"	55	0	0
Teachers	"	"	"	17	10	0
Rev. Alan G. S. Gibson	S. Augustine's	"	"	37	10	0
" E. Jwara	"	"	"	7	10	0
Teachers	"	"	"	30	0	0
Rev. H. Waters	S. Alban's	"	"	50	0	0
Teachers	"	"	"	33	10	0
Rev. T. J. Adkin	Kokstad	"	"	25	0	0
David Lavarlotte	"	"	"	2	10	0
Rev. C. D. Tonkin	S. Andrew's	"	"	20	0	0
" R. Stewart	S. John's Port	"	"	5	0	0
Towards Discount on Bill				2	15	0
				£ 632	10	0

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Appointment of Rev. W. Y. Stead provisionally to St. Peter's *vice* Rev. T. A. Williams transferred to Umtata, and removal of Rev. H. J. Mitchell to Grahamstown Diocese.

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Kaffraria Letters Received

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Umtata, South Africa -
Viâ King Williamstown
March 18th 1886

Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria.

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Dear Sir

I beg herewith to send you a Letter of advice for a Bill drawn on account of your Society's Quarterly grant to this Diocese -

The Rev. W. J. Steed has been appointed Priest in charge of S. Peter's, provisionally, and entered on his duties there in February.

The Rev. T. A. Williams was removed from S. Peter's to Umtata at the beginning of March, to enable him to read for Priest's orders -

The Rev. H. J. Mitchell has left this Diocese and gone to Alice -

I am, dear Sir,
your obedient servant
Arthur S Gibson
Dioc: Sec:

The Rev.
The Secretary, S. P. G.
19 Delahay Street
Westminster S. W.

FOREIGN LETTERS.—No. St Johns 11073

From Rev. A. G. S. Gibson

31 March 1886

Before Standing Committee 20 May 1886

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Visit to England to raise funds for the Diocese

(Vide last paragraph of his report for March quarter 1886. No. 11073/86)

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[S.P.G. Office, 19, Delahay Street, Westminster, S.W.]

In writing to S. P. G. to use paper of this margin.

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Diocese of S. Johns, Kaffraria 189

Report of Rev Alan G S Gibson Missionary at S. Augustine

for the Quarter ending March 31 1886

Kaffraria Letter Received I. 222

in accordance with the Society's Circular of August 1873, paragraph 3.

During my absence in England, whither I am being sent by Bishop Key to try and raise funds, without which the diocesan work cannot continue to go on on its present scale, my parochial work is being left in the hands of the native deacon and catechists: a trustworthy and hard working set of men, I am thankful to say. Bishop Key and Canon Waters have promised quarterly visits for the administration of Holy Communion.

Alan G. S. Gibson.

Cape Town. Ap. 19.

I regret that the 3rd sheet of this report has been saturated with salt water owing to a sea coming thro' the port hole of my cabin.

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to use paper of this
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Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

Diocese of St Johns, Kaffraria 191

Report of Rev. Alan G. S. Gibson Missionary at St Augustines

for the Quarter ending March 31 1886

in accordance with the Society's Circular of August 1873, paragraph 3.

My time during the past quarter, and beyond March 31st till April 9, when I crossed the S. boundary of the diocese, has been much taken up with travelling: before, therefore, I proceed to report on my own parochial work during the quarter, it may be of interest if I place on record my impressions of the other stations which I visited.

In the early part of January I went up to Kokstad with Bishop Key and the Rev. T. W. Green. Between St Cuthberts and Kokstad is a stretch of 100 miles or more, without a single Church or clergyman of our communion. Umba, the first white centre, which lies in my own district, has a quarterly service, and I trust, on my return from England, to provide the congregation with monthly ministrations. At Mount Frere, the next European village, I celebrated on Friday Jan. 8th, on our way up, and we had 16 communicants, besides our 3 selves, all of them men but one, one of whom had ridden in 7 miles that morning to be present. This place, and also Mount Ayliff, ought to have regular pastoral visitation and services. Mount Ayliff is in the country of the Xesibes, a people whose chief Jojo for years applied to Bishop Callaway for a clergyman: his Lordship was, however, unable to take up the application, and I am now informed that the Presbyterians are about to start work there, so that our opportunity has passed away.

Along the Pondo border, as we passed, fighting was going on between the Pondos and Kota's people: both sides, however, were very friendly to us. The rights and wrongs of the present disturbances in Pondoland is of course a vexata quæstio, but to me personally it seems that the Pondos are entirely in the right, and that the present action of the Colonial Government is quite unjustifiable.

☞ In writing to S. P. G. please to use paper of this margin.

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Diocese of S. Johns, Kaffraria

Report of Rev Alan G. S. Gibson Missionary at S. Augustines

for the Quarter ending March 31 1886

in accordance with the Society's Circular of August 1873, paragraph 3.

It was more than three years since I had been at Kokstad, and it was a great pleasure to see the progress which has been made during the Rev. F. J. Adkins incumbency. The Church has been transformed from a dilapidated ~~building~~ school into an ecclesiastical building: the offices are said daily the choir is really good: and the Sunday congregations were large and reverent. The Church, however is utterly inadequate in size, and the native work requires taking in hand.

From Kokstad, we proceeded to Matatiela, another vacancy as far as our Church is concerned, where no service had been held by any clergyman of our communion, since I was there a year previous. The reception of the Bishop was most hearty, and the applications from Europeans and natives, the promise of substantial aid, and the congregations, most encouraging. If a sufficient guarantee fund can be raised, a priest will be placed here almost immediately.

In March and April, on my way to the colony I passed thro' three more of the mission-stations: All Saints, in which parish a nice stone Church is being built, and a good English congregation has been gathered together at Engcobo: S. Albans, with its fine Church and large native station, and good buildings at the outstations: and S. Marks, the mother of all the native work in this diocese, now a European village.

Passing to my own parochial work, during the quarter English services were held at Mount Fletcher (by Rev. T. W. Green), Maclear, Ugie, Hawkes' farm, Queen's & Tsolo. I visited all my native stations carefully S. Augustines 3 times, (staying 3 nights) Sigungu twice (3 nights), Ggagala twice (6 nights), Mbidhlana once (one night), Mbokotwana twice (one night), Dangeu once (two nights): having during the quarter about 56 baptisms some adults and some infants. At Sigungu, I found

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to use paper of this
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Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

Diocese of St Johns, Kaffraria

Report of Rev. Alan G. S. Gibson Missionary at St Augustines

for the Quarter ending March 31 1886

in accordance with the Society's Circular of August 1873, paragraph 3.

the school making excellent progress under its new teacher, David Kwatsha, a man well known in the Transkei. At Ganqu, Mr Williams had got thoroughly into harness, and was gathering a good and large work round him, whilst himself leading as missionary and hard a life as I have seen in the country. At Ggagala, I found the chief, deacon, and people, building a school chapel of sods, which will be a nice place when finished. At St Cuthberts, the people are probably by this time engaged in putting up a wattle and dab school to take the place of the old round hut, which is too small.

Fresh applications have come in from the Komga (Mount Fere district), and the Tsitsana; the one both probably some 60 miles from Kokstad. It will be evident from this how rapidly, and how largely the work is extending.

On the 11th of March, Umditshwa the Pondomisi chief died, much to my regret; this however has not altered the relations between ourselves and the tribe, and Umtshazi still remains with me. The number of Pondomisi boarders at the date of my leaving St Cuthberts was eight: besides whom there is one day boy.

The travelling during the two first months of the year was rendered difficult by the incessant and heavy rains which flooded all the rivers continuously, so that I was frequently obliged to swim or at other times to wade through with the water up to my neck. Between Jan. 4 & April 9 (inclusive) I travelled altogether 1121 miles, of which 245 were done on foot. To walking there are 3 very serious objections it is often difficult to spare the time, it is an obstacle to taking with one all that is required, and is so fatiguing that it may be a real hindrance to the work which has to be got through: on the other hand it is hard now to afford the necessary horseflesh.

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[3] REV. A. W. L. RIVETT, 3 May, 1886 (1072)
Death of Archdeacon Button.

Before Standing Committee 20 May 1886

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[*S.P.G. Office*, 19, *Delahay Street, Westminster, S.W.*]

5 Norfolk Terrace
Brunswick.
May 3rd 1899

My dear Father
I received your letter
of the 25th this
morning & I send the
enclosed thinking
you might like to
have it. We are
grieved with this
sad intelligence. I
have known him for
a boy. Poor Calloway
will feel his loss.
The Bible and the
Bible & the
Missionary will never
be dead. Poor Mother.

I am sorry to say
that I have not

been able to do any
work since Septem-
-ber 1st. I was
attacked with
blood poisoning
& remittent fever,
it has been a
long and critical
illness. The Drs
ordered me here
and I am thank
God, speedily
recovering, and
hope that I
shall be able
to resume

my work before the
end of the month.
We have to remove
upon higher ground
as it is dangerous
I inhaled some
malaria which
causes up fever
the river Jaw
close to us
residence in
Rock Park. —
When we return
we shall be high
enough as we
have taken a newly
built residence
which overlooks
the whole town

of Barnstaple.
With kind regards
I am
yours faithfully
Alfred. W. L. Rivett

Revd Prebendary Tucker

Taylor, and H. Cohen (hon. secretary).

A subscription list was immediately opened, and I believe responded to very handsomely. This was on Friday night, and as the presidential was expected on the following afternoon, no time was lost. On Saturday afternoon Messrs. Cohen and Kannemeyer rode out and offered the hospitality of the town to his honour. His honour was pleased to accept it, although he expressed his disappointment that the whole inhabitants had not turned out to meet him. If he was disappointed outside the town, he certainly had cause for disappointment on his arrival at the Phœnix, the "swagger" hotel in the place. About 20 diggers were lounging on the verandah in different attitudes, hats on, and pipes in mouth. This was certainly not very encouraging, but to make up for it, the reception committee were all there in every sense of the word. They were got up, regardless—Sunday clothes, collars, and ties, unknown quantities here, as a rule; in fact, black coats were at a premium in camp that morning, the whole stock being aired by its representatives in the afternoon. I forgot to say the hotel, by way of decorations, had hoisted the republican flag, and another store flaunted the Donald Currie. About 3.45 the president and escort, to the number of eight, with hangers-on, amounting to about 20 horsemen altogether, came into view. The escort carried rifles, and the whole cavalcade was headed by the standard-bearer, who carried the Dutch flag tied to a whipstick, by two pieces of what they call "rimpy." I don't know whether you know the flag: it has a perpendicular strip of green against the post, or as in this case whipstick, and the tri-colour or red, white, and blue, attached horizontally to it. Immediately behind this sportsman came the president, dressed in shiny black double-breasted frock coat, black trousers, which were a good deal wrinkled about the knee, and a silk hat, a regular topper, of a shape that I should imagine had been unknown in Recent Street for over twenty years. Add to this a black tie and about the shadiest collar I ever saw on a man in my life, and you can imagine the rest of the appearance of a man, the ruler of a tract of country as large as

If Barnstaple.
With kind regards
I am
yours faithfully
Alfred. W. L. Rivett

Rod. Prebendary Tucker

DEATH OF ARCHDEACON BUTTON.

It is with sincere regret we announce the death of the Rev. Thurston Button, which took place at Clydesdale, Upper Umzimkulu, at ten o'clock on the Saturday morning. About three weeks ago the reverend gentleman, whilst visiting out-stations of his mission was thrown from his horse, receiving internal injuries which necessitated his conveyance home. Under medical skill and careful attention it was hoped he would recover, but last week a relapse took place, which culminated in his death, as above stated. Mr. Button came to Natal with the family when quite young, and for some time lived at Bishopstowe. Afterwards, and now more than twenty years ago, he resided for a time at Springvale and Highflats, leaving about 1866 for England, to be educated at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. He returned to Natal about 1870, and shortly afterwards settled at Clydesdale, which has grown under his industry and supervision from being a solitary farmhouse to its present proportions. It is hardly possible to pay too high a tribute to the memory of the departed clergyman. He was a missionary in its truest sense, and combining a knowledge of the native language and character with an amiable disposition and common sense, was successful in his work. There are very few natives "down south" who did not know him; and he was loved and esteemed by all who were intimate with him, whether black or white. He could turn his hand to almost anything which required to be done in the country, and was as much at home in the saddle as anywhere. We believe the cause of the accident which proved fatal to him was the looseness of the saddle-girths at the time he was riding. The deceased gentleman leaves a widow and four children, who were with him when he died. His mother, brothers, and sisters are known to many of us, and his death at the age of about 40 will be a heavy blow to them all. Mr. Button was an archdeacon of the diocese of St. John's, Kaffraria, of which Dr. Callaway is the episcopal head. The funeral took place on Sunday morning. To Mr. Button's widow and children, as well as to his mother and other relatives, we tender our deepest sympathy.

ALEXANDRA MOUNTED RIFLES.—We hear that the above corps will take part in this year's encampment at Pinetown, and will be in good force.

DEATH
It is with
of the Rev
Clydesdale

while in Salem I had a very bad fall
from my horse & was laid up with
Concussion of the brain & had to
give up teaching & do housekeeping
for a Uncle Anne. During the last
15 months I have been quite
laid up & altogether unable to
earn anything for myself & have
had to spend the little I had saved
to pay Doctors &c &c &c, so that
I shall soon find myself penniless
May I therefore beg your Society's
help if they will kindly allow
me a pension so that I may not
be left destitute in this Country.
Unfortunately the disease from
which I am suffering Doctors
say is incurable. I have no
Parents living & there
is no assistance to be obtained
in this Country. Were I in
England the Clergy Widows &
Orphans Fund would assist
me, but as they have refused
& do so because I am in

Africa, so that I can only look
to your Society which sent me
out here, for any assistance.
I enclose certified copies of
testimonials both from Natal
& Kaffraria & shew I have
been faithfully, working to
the best of my abilities.
The Ven^r Archdeacon Kitton
King William's Town
British Kaffraria
South Africa
has kindly allowed me to give
his name as a referee.
He will speak as to my having
a good Church woman &
holding a high character.
Archdeacon Kitton has known
me ever since I came to the
Colony. I shall feel deeply grateful
for an early answer
I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly
Amelia Bewshea

means of which she has acquired a wholesome influence over her scholars, checking morbid tendencies, retaining their affection, & instilling a spirit of cheerful willing obedience to the discipline of the School, and the will of its rulers: and I am satisfied that Miss Beresher if seconded by efficient teachers would be capable of conducting successfully any such School. as that which (as I hear with regret) she is about to leave

Signed J Warwick Brooks
Sup Educ

Certified a True Copy

6th June 1874.
Off. Sup. of Education
Natal.

Miss A Beresher since the middle of 1871 has had charge of St Mary's College at Richmond in this colony, a boarding School for girls founded by the Church of the Province of South Africa. As Superintendent of Education I have had to inspect this School on behalf of the Government, and I have also been in continual communication with the Rev. J. Searne on the subject of this School over which he has had the general charge. and while in my opinion the success which has attended this School must in the first instance be attributed to the fostering care of the Rev. J. Searne & Mrs Searne, they owe much to the presence of Miss Beresher. She possesses qualities of great value in the management of a School, a genial lively disposition, combined with good Common Sense, by

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Copy.

St. Mary's College Natal
3 June 1874

My dear Sir,

Miss Beusher who I believe is applying for a position in your Institution has been Lady Principal of this College nearly three years. She has also taught the first Class, under her care and superintendance the progress of the pupils has been very satisfactory, and the College has increased in numbers and reputation. Miss Beusher is a sensible person, and an excellent disciplinarian, much beloved by the pupils and generally respected in the neighbourhood. I also she is also an agreeable fellow labourer. If it is of her own accord she is leaving St Mary's College I remain my dear Sir

Very truly yours
(sd) Thos C. Fearne
Warden of St Mary's College
Natal.

Certified to be a true copy
(Signed) J. O Bate
Hon Secy Kassinem College Girls
School
Durig Williams Town
Oct 19th 1899.

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St. Mary's College Natal

Marietta

4 June 1874

Miss Bewsher who has for two years & a half filled the post of Lady Principal at St Mary's College Richmond asked me for a testimonial. I have much pleasure as Visitor of the College in stating that under Miss Bewsher's superintendence the institution has maintained its character for efficiency & has been always full. Of Miss Bewsher's qualifications as a teacher I have no doubt others who have had more opportunity of judging will speak. I can bear my testimony to her powers as a disciplinarian & to the respect & affection which she has won from her pupils & their parents.

She is active energetic lively & amiable, & is ever ready to throw herself into all the little interests & amusements of School life.

I have every reason to believe that Miss Bewsher is actuated by high religious principle & would conscientiously devote herself to promote the welfare of any institution with which she may be connected

Signed William Kenneth
Bp. of Marietta

True Copy
Certified.

Papanatawa
Kingsland
15th Dec. 1877

Two of my daughters have attended the Kings William Town Collegiate Girls School during the whole time that it has been under the charge of Miss Beusher and her management has given me the most perfect satisfaction, and I very much regret that circumstances compel her to relinquish the position

Signed A Aylliff
True Copy certified

Block House
9th April 1880

Miss Beusher is teaching in my family - She is very moderate in her terms, with the Children, and her accomplishments are of a very high order - I have every reason to be satisfied with her teaching and conduct in my family

Signed W J Wickens
A True Copy Certified

Troy Williams Inn
14 Dec 1877.

Dear Miss Beusher

At a meeting of the Committee held on the 5th inst. it was unanimously resolved that the following minute be entered on the records, and that a copy of the same be sent to you.

I am Dear Miss Beusher
yours faithfully
J.O. Bate Hon Secy

Extract. "The Kalfarien Collegiate Girls School having been in operation three years, under the direction and superintendence of Miss Beusher as Lady Principal and her assistants the Committee of the above Institution beg to record their opinion that during the above period Miss Beusher has devoted her best energies to the duty of the important charge placed under her control, and discharged them with great diligence and credit to herself. The Committee on the severance of the connection which has extended over three years, beg to convey to Miss Beusher their best wishes for her future success and happiness."

A true extract from the minutes
Signed J.O. Bate
Dec 14 1877.

True Copy
Certified
Signed R. Reynolds
True Copy Certified

Salem

July 20th /85.

I certify that Miss Bewsher had charge of the Second Class Indeterminate Girls School in Salem for two years and six months and gave great satisfaction to the Managers and also to the Parents of the Children

Wm D Matthews

Certified true Copy

Department of Public Education

28 April 1886

Record of Services

Madam

In acknowledging your letter of 24 inst. I am to say that from the records of this Department it appears that you were in charge of the 2 Class Public School for girls from 1 July 1880 to 31 December 1882; and the Inspector's report on the School (Sept. 1882) was as follows:- Order & discipline good, Standard of attainments fair, Classification, fair -

I am Madam

Your obedient Servant

Signed Peter Macnamara

Secretary

Certified a true Copy.

Miss A Bewsher

Albany Street

East Blandford

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Umtata
South Africa
viâ King Williamstown
May 6th 1886

Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria

Dear Sir

I beg herewith to send you a Report from the Rev. J. W. Green which reached me yesterday.

I am, Dear Sir,
your Obedient Servant
Arthur S Gibson
Dioc: Sec:

The Rev.
The Secretary, S. P. G.
19 Delahay Street
Westminster S. W.

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[2] REV. A. S. GIBSON, **3 June, 1886 (13886):**
Acknowledges Diocesan grant for 1887.

Before Standing Committee 8/46 1886

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South Africa
Via King Williamstown
June 3rd 1886

Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria

13886

Dear Sir

In the absence of the Coadjutor Bishop for a few weeks, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 30th stating that a sum of £2,530 has been voted for this Diocese in 1887, for which I beg to thank your Society most sincerely on behalf of the Diocese.

A set of Bills, value £11.15.6 were also duly received on account of Special Funds.

The Bill will be drawn and the letter of advice sent off as soon as the Coadjutor Bishop returns.

I am, dear Sir,

Your obedient servant

Arthur S Gibson

Dioc: Sec:

The Rev. The Secretary
S. P. G.

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Umtata
South Africa
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Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria

Dear Sir

I beg to enclose the letter of advice for a Bill drawn on account of your Society's Quarterly grant to this Diocese.

I am, dear Sir,
your obedient servant
Arthur S Gibson
Dioc: Sec:

The Rev.
The Secretary S.P.G.
19 Delahay Street
Westminster S.W.

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DIOCESE OF S. John's, Kaffraria.

No. 6

Umtata, via King Williamstown.

June 17th 1886

DEAR SIRS,

I beg leave to inform you that I have drawn upon you the under-mentioned Bill at 30 days' sight for £632. 10. 0 on account of the Society's Grant for the Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria, for the Quarter ending June 30th 1886. which amount has been appropriated to the Missionaries named in the annexed statement.

I am, dear Sirs,

Your faithful and obedient Servant,

Arthur S. Gibson
Dioc: Sec:

To the Treasurers of
The Society for the Propagation
of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,
19, *Delahay Street, Westminster, London, S.W.*

No. of Bill.	DATE.	PAYEE.	AMOUNT. £	s.	d.
3450	June 17th 1886	The Standard Bank, Umtata	632	10	0

Diocese of _____

NAME OF MISSIONARY	STATION.	Period of Service for which payment is made: From	To	Amount of Payment. £	s.	d.
		1886				
Right Rev. Bishop Key	Umtata	April 1	June 30	12	10	0
Rev. S. Adonis	"	"	"	15	0	0
" T. A. Williams	"	"	"	12	10	0
" J. O. Orland	Clydesdale	"	"	50	0	0
" W. Ngcwensa	"	"	"	15	0	0
" J. G. Slater	"	"	"	37	10	0
Teachers	"	"	"	18	2	6
Rev. E. L. Cokes	S. Mark's	"	"	50	0	0
" P. Thasiza	"	"	"	12	10	0
Teachers	"	"	"	46	10	0
" (Tingoland)	"	"	"	21	12	6
Rev. W. Y. Stead	S. Peter's	"	"	12	10	0
" J. Boom	"	"	"	7	10	0
Teachers	"	"	"	35	0	0
Rev. T. W. Green	All Saints	"	"	55	0	0
Teachers	"	"	"	17	10	0
Rev. Alan G. S. Gibson	S. Augustine's	"	"	37	10	0
" S. Jwana	"	"	"	7	10	0
Teachers	"	"	"	30	0	0
Rev. H. Waters	S. Alban's	"	"	50	0	0
Teachers	"	"	"	33	10	0
Rev. F. J. Adkin	Kokstad	"	"	25	0	0
David Lavalott	"	"	"	2	10	0
Rev. C. D. Tonkin	S. Andrew's	"	"	20	0	0
" R. Stewart	S. John's Port	"	"	5	0	0
Townds & Bells				12	15	0
				£632	10	0

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Natal
via R. W. mss. Cons
Africa.

June 25-1886.

My dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of £11.15-6. Special contributions for this diocese; of which £1. is mentioned as appropriated to S. John's Umtata.

The whole sum will be expended in paying the salary for the current quarter of Rev W. M. Cameron, warden of S. John's college, whose

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" R. Madiza	"	"	"	12	10	0
Teachers	"	"	"	46	10	0
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Rev. W. J. Stead	S. Peter's	"	"	12	10	0
" J. Boom	"	"	"	7	10	0
Teachers	"	"	"	35	0	0
Rev. T. W. Green	Ascension	"	"	55	0	0
Teachers	"	"	"	17	10	0
Rev. Alan J. S. Gibson	S. Augustine's	"	"	37	10	0
" E. Jordan	"	"	"	7	10	0
Teachers	"	"	"	30	0	0
Rev. H. Waters	S. Alban's	"	"	50	0	0
Teachers	"	"	"	33	10	0
Rev. F. J. Adkin	Kokstad	"	"	25	0	0
David Lavalott	"	"	"	2	10	0
Rev. C. D. Tonkin	S. Andrew's	"	"	20	0	0
" R. Stewart	S. John's Port	"	"	5	0	0
				15	0	
				£ 632	10	0

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Umtata
Kaffraria.
June 25-1886.

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valuable services in training
Students for the ministry, has
been alluded to in my ~~report~~
letter quoted in your annual
Report.

I am
dear Sir
Yrs very faithfully
Brantley
Bishop Coadjutor

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To The Treasurers of the

Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

Dear Sirs,

In accordance with the Secretary's Advice, No. 2212, I have drawn upon you Bills for £ 11 . 15 . 6 and herewith append a statement of the purpose in which I propose to spend the proceeds.

I am

Dear Sirs

Your obedient servant

Umbrella via Pietermaritzburg
June 25th 1876.

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Students for the ministry, has
been alluded to in my ~~absent~~
letter quoted in your annual
Report.

I am
dear Sir
Yr very faithfully
Brandt Key
Bishop Coadjutor

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Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

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I am,

Dear Sirs,

Your faithful servant,

Bramley
Bishop Coadjutor
of S. Helena Kaffraria

Umtata via Kokstad S. africa.
June 25. 1886.

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Umtata
South Africa
via King Williamstown
July 20th 1886

Diocese of S. John's, Kaffraria -

Dear Sir

I enclose a copy of a portion of the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Diocesan Finance Board relating to the distribution of your Society's grant to Kaffraria -

I start from Umtata tomorrow on my return to England -

My successor, as Diocesan Secretary, is Wm. J. B. Hulley

I am, dear Sir,
your obedient servant
Arthur S Gibson
Dioc. Sec:

The Rev. The Secretary
S. P. G.
19 Delahay Street
Westminster S. W.

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The annual Meeting of the Diocesan Finance Board was held at Waitara on June 30th 1886. 231
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Present- The Right- Revd the Coadjutor Bishop (in the chair). the Revs E S Coakes Canon Cameron, Canon Waters F J Adkin, W J Stead, C D Lonton, J O Orland, T H Godwin, Capt W A McCarter, Major Elliot, Dr Johnston, Mr J C Blakeway & the Diocesan Secretary -

(Extract from Minutes)

The Diocesan Secretary reported that a sum of £22. 10. 0 in March and a similar sum for the quarter just- ended for the Revd H J Mitchell (who had since left- Mr Diocesan) had been paid to St Albans in order to relieve the H C M fund.

The Revd E S Coakes proposed that- this expenditure be sanctioned by the Board.

Major Elliot- seconded the motion which was carried

The Diocesan Secretary reported that there was a further sum of £45. 0. 0, voted for the Revd H J Mitchell and £12 5. 0. 0 voted for the late Archdeacon Button, to be disposed of by the.

the Board, during the remainder
of this year.
The Rev^d E L Coates proposed that
the Clydesdale Salary of £12 5^s for
the coming six months be kept
in the hands of the Co-adjutor
Bishop as administration of the
vacant Parish.
Rev^d Johnston seconded the motion
which was carried
The Diocesan Secretary Proposed that for
the remaining six months
of the year £4 5^s voted for
the Rev H J Mitchell be paid
to St Alban's
The Rev. E L Coates seconded the
motion which was carried.
The Board then proceeded to
distribute the S. P. G. Block
Grant (£2 5^s 3 0) for 1887.
The Rev. Canon Cameron proposed that
£60 (which had been voted for
the Rev^d S Adams in 1886)
be voted for a curate at the
Pro-Cathedral.
The Rev. E L Coates seconded the
motion which was carried
On the voting of the Clydesdale
Salaries.
The Rev C O Lowden asked if there
was no local income
from rents at Clydesdale?
The Rev J O Pland replied that the
holders of land there were
not-

not legally in trust, and required to pay rents until they had proper titles.

On the vote for S Peters being put-

The Rev. Canon Cameron proposed that-

£30 be transferred from S Peters, Butterworth, to the administration of the Cathedral Parish for an assistant-curate for the district work.

The Diocesan Secretary seconded the motion.

The Rev I L Cowles proposed as an amendment that-£30 be voted to the Rev. I a Williams under the peculiar circumstances of the case.

The Rev. A H Godwin seconded the amendment-which was carried.

On the vote for All Saints being put-,

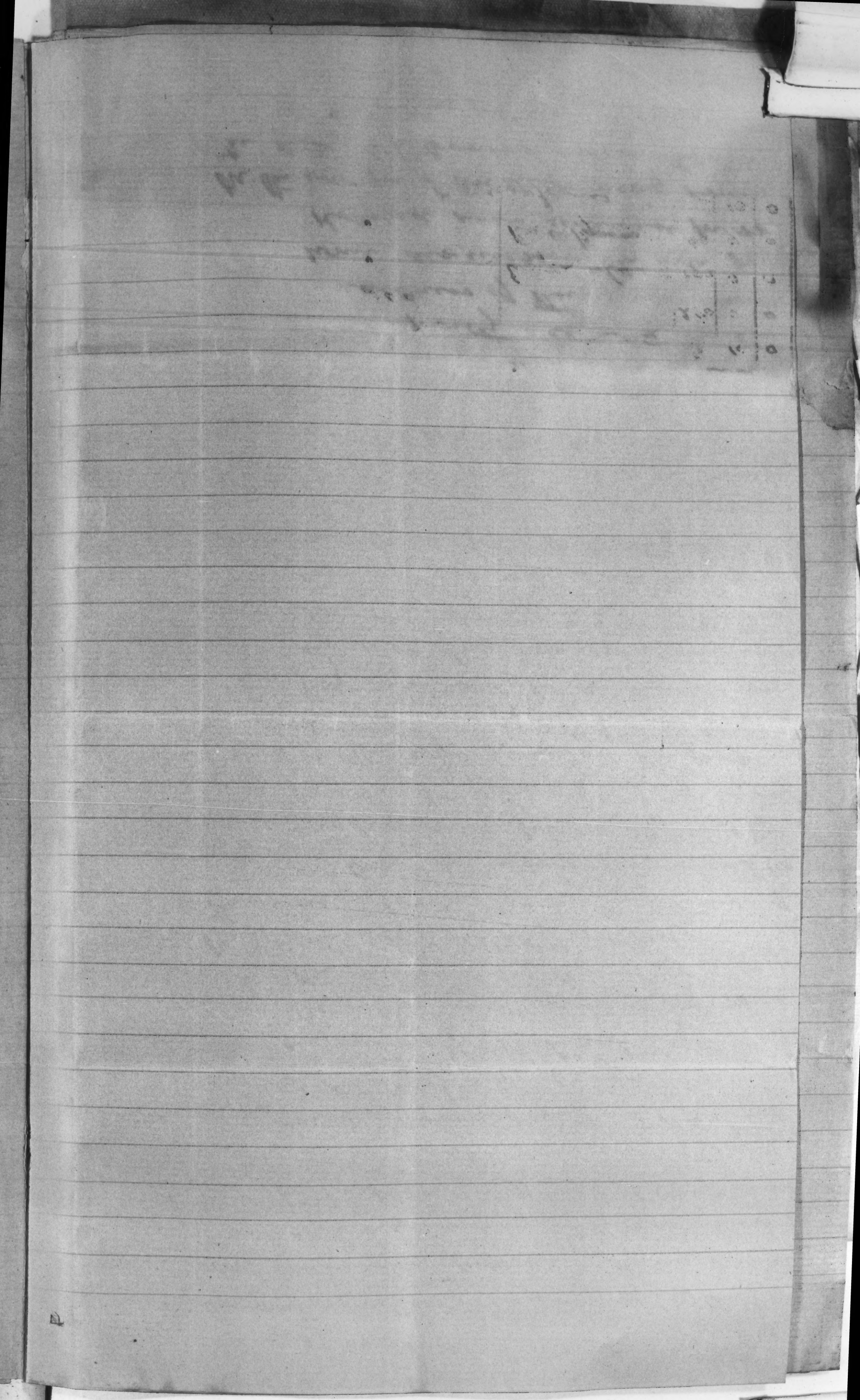
The Coadjutor Bishop asked the Board to vote the Rev. J W Green's salary of £220 to Matabele. The people would raise a guarantee fund of which the amount was uncertain for a part of Mr Green's salary and this sum would be put at the disposal of the Finance Board at the next meeting after it was paid over to the Diocesan Funds.

On the passing of the vote for S Albans.

Dr Johnston proposed that £20 be taken from S Johns Post-and given to S Albans towards Mr Wales salary.

The Diocesan Secretary seconded the motion

The motion which was carried, after
an amendment proposed by the Rev J O Hand
and seconded by the Rev. W J Read
to the following effect had been negatived
That the £20 now granted by the
Finance Board from the S. P. G. Fund
to Port-St-Johns be left undisturbed, as
a nucleus for the Local Finance
Board to work with in raising
the income of the incumbent.
On the vote for Kokstad being put.
The brethren again called the attention of
the Board to the fact that when £100
was first voted for Mr Addin's salary
from the S. P. G. Grant in 1884 it was
on the condition that the people
raised another £100 which
they undertook to do nevertheless
in 1885 they had not contributed
any thing at all towards this sum
and in the present year they had
only paid £15 up to this date
instead of £30 which was due.
The Rev. F J Addin stated that the people
at Kokstad were discouraged and
thought that they had a grievance against
the Diocesan Finance Board.
which partly accounted for the
smallness of their contributions.
After some discussion the vote for
Kokstad was renewed for 1887.
On the vote for S Andrews being discussed
The Revd. F L Cowley asked the Rev
C D Lowdell for some information
about-



about his work.
The Rev. C D Lowton said that the Sunday congregation averaged about 40 and the week day about 10 persons. There was no school work going on at all - he found it impossible to live on £80 per year and was obliged to work for his living

After some discussion
The Rev. E L Cooke proposed
That £80 be left in the hands of the Coadjutor Bishop for the Pondoland mission or as he shall see fit to use it.
The Rev. Canon Wales seconded the motion which was carried.
The Grant was distributed as follows for 1887.

Stations	Missionary &c.	£	s	d
Umtata	Coadjutor Bishop	50	0	0
"	Rev Cathedral Curate	60	0	0
"	Rev. T. A. Williams	50	0	0
S Marks	" E L Cooke	200	0	0
"	European Curate	90	0	0
"	Rev. A.K. Nasiza	50	0	0
"	Teachers	186	0	0
"	" England	86	10	0
Clydesdale		250	0	0
"	European Curate	100	0	0
"	Rev. W. Ngwanisa	60	0	0
	Carried Forward.	£1182	10	0

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Stations	Missionary &c	£.	S.	d.
	Brought F.	1182	10	0
Clydesdale	Teachers	72	10	0
St Peters	Rev. W Y Stiad	50	0	0
"	" J Boom	30	0	0
"	Teachers	140	0	0
Matatiele	Rev. J W Green	220	0	0
All Saints	Teachers	70	0	0
S Augustines		150	0	0
"	Rev. E Jwara	30	0	0
"	Teachers	120	0	0
S Albans	Rev. H Waters	170	0	0
	Teachers	94	0	0
Kokstad	Revd. F J Atkins	100	0	0
	David Lambert	10	0	0
Pondoland mission or as the Coadjutor Bishop may fit to use it.		80	0	0
Towards Diocesan Fund		11	0	0
	Total.	£2,530	0	0

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DIOCESE OF St Johns Kaffraria

No. 8.

Umtata

" 23rd Sept 1886

DEAR SIRS,

I beg leave to inform you that I have drawn upon you the under-mentioned Bills at 30 days' sight for £ 632-10-0 on account of the Society's Grant for the Diocese of St Johns, Kaffraria for the quarter ending September 30th 1886 which amount has been appropriated to the Missionaries named in the annexed statement.

I am, dear Sirs,

Your faithful and obedient Servant,

J S Bulley
Archdeacon

To the Treasurers of

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,

19, Delahay Street, Westminster, London, S.W.

No. of Bill.	DATE.	PAYEE.	AMOUNT. £	s.	d.
430/	23rd Sept 1886	Standard Bank Umtata	632	10	0

Diocese of St Johns Kaffraria

NAME OF MISSIONARY.	STATION.	Period of Service for which payment is made. From	To	Amount of Payment. £	s.	d.
Coadjutor Bishop	Umtâlâ	30 June	30 Sept.	5	0	0
Rev. J A Williams	"			20	0	0
" S Adams	"			15	0	0
" J O Orland	Clydesdale			50	0	0
" W Ngqwensa	"	"		15	0	0
" J G Chater	"	"		37	10	0
Teachers	"	"		18	2	6
" E L Coakes	St Marks			50	0	0
" P Masiza	"	"		12	10	0
Teachers	"	"		46	10	0
Teachers (England)	"	"		21	12	6
" W J Staab	St Peters			12	10	0
" J Boom	"	"		7	10	0
Teachers	"	"		35	0	0
" J W Green	All Saints			35	0	0
Teachers	"	"		17	10	0
" A G S Gibson	St Augustines			37	10	0
" E Jwara	"	"		7	10	0
Teachers	"	"		30	0	0
" H Waller	St Albans			30	0	0
Teachers	"	"		33	10	0
" F J Aaron	Kokstad			25	0	0
Mrs David Lawton	"	"		2	10	0
" C D Jonker	St Andrews			20	0	0
" N Stewart	St Johns Port			5	0	0
Towards discount on Bills				2	15	0
				£ 632	10	0

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Via King Williams Town
South Africa
23rd Sept- 1886

Diocese of St Johns
Kaffraria

Dear Sir

I beg to enclose the letter of advice for a Bill drawn on your Society's quarterly grant to this Diocese.

I am dear Sir
Your obedient humble
J. B. Hulley
Bish: Dec:

The Rev
The Secretary S.P.G.
19. Delahay Street
Westminster S.W.

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Coadjutor Bishop	Umtata			5	0	0
Rev T A Williams	"			20	0	0
" S Adams	"			15	0	0
" J O Oxland	Butterworth			30	0	0
" W Ingpen				16	0	0
" J [illegible] Watkins				37	10	0
				2	0	0
" E L Cowley	St Marks					
" P [illegible]						
" W Holland	St Peters			12	10	
" J Perrin				7	10	0
" J W Green	All Saints					
" A E Gibson	St Cuthberts					
" E [illegible]						
	St Albans					
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" [illegible]						
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SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL,

19, DELAHAY STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.

EXTRACTS FROM REGULATIONS,

COMPILED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE SOCIETY'S CORRESPONDENTS AND MISSIONARIES.

Accounts, Bills, and Drafts.

55. A separate account is to be kept of all grants from the Society, and they are not to be mixed in a general account with other funds of the Mission.

56. The amount required for the payment of the stipends of the Missionaries is to be drawn at the end of each quarter by the Treasurer or Secretary, under the direction of the Committee.

57. Bills * are to be drawn payable thirty days after sight, and (as there the grant is not dispensed through a Local Committee, they must be drawn by the Missionary himself, and under such the Society, and the Committee) the grant is dispensed through a Local Committee, they must be drawn by the Secretary of such Committee, and under such the Society, and the Committee) the grant is

Bonet well - Maunce has played the organ, & has evidently a talent for music -

They are to return with the Rev: J Patterson & his wife by the Garth Castle, which sails from London Sep: 6, & touches at Dartmouth - Mr Patterson is a missionary in another part of Kaffraria, & has been collecting money to build a Church -

Mr Cameron has given zealous work, & much out of his private means - He says there is a promising opening, & a great deal might be done if funds were provided: but at present both

W.J.S. will have 13 Aug 86

The Rectors
Flax Bourton
nr Bristol
Aug: 12. 1886

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Dear Sir

I shall be obliged if you will inform me whether I should have any chance of success if I made an application to the S.P.G. for help towards the return journey of two Kaffirs -

The Revd W.M. Cameron has for some years been employed as a missionary in the St: Johns diocese, under bishops Callaway & Key: he is Warden of the College at Umtata - He came to

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England & Scotland in 1884 to raise funds for the diocese in general, & for his own College in particular - He then brought with him, at his own expense, two youths; Jacob Manelle, & Ebenezer Hannis, who had previously been under his care & teaching, with the view of having them trained at St Augustines Canterbury - They have been there two years - The Warden thinks that they have learned enough, & that they will now do better among their own countrymen than among Europeans. I should have wished them to stay longer, were it not that it would entail expense on Mr Cameron, & that the cold of an English winter is evidently trying - As they have spent the vacations in this parish I have been able to observe their conduct, which has been thoroughly good; their manners quite fit them for mixing, as they have done, in the society of ladies & gentlemen. Manelle is now 27, & intends to be ordained as soon as he gets home - Hannis will teach in the College, under Mr Cameron - He may ultimately take Holy Orders, but he is too young to decide at present, being only 19. Manelle has latterly read the Lessons in Church, &

C/o Revd C. W. Bewsher

Postling Rectory

Nr Hythe

Kent

25/ Sept 15th/86

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Dear Sir,

I have received a letter from my Sister of East London, South Africa, asking me to write & ask you to return to me, the Medical Certificate she sent

Lambeth Palace 16 Sept 86 SNS

you, do When the Answer
from the S. P. G. came,
It was not sent
back — May I ask
you to do so at once
as I am leaving here —

I remain
yours truly
Elizth L. Bewsher

P. S.
My Sister's Name is
Amelia Bewsher

Colony

Albany St.

4 May 1886

This is to certify that Miss Amelia Blowden is suffering from "Progressive Muscular Atrophy" & that she is unable to subsist herself by her own efforts

[Signed] J. B Cumming M.R.C.S.

East London

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his college & the whole diocese are sorely straitened. The grant for education from the Colonial government has been withdrawn from natives, & the assistance from England & Scotland on which they depended has fallen short of their expectations; so that, instead of pushing on, they fear that they will be obliged to give up schools & stations which are now prospering -

The cost of the outward journey & outfit for the two will exceed £70 - We are trying to raise something by subscription £20 -

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among friends; but a grant
from the S P G would be very
acceptable, & I am sure it
would also be very useful -
If it is necessary to make appli-
cation on certain forms,
will you be so kind as to send
them — I am
yours truly
R H Wood

The Rev H W Tucker

Kaffraria Letters Received
I. 22 1120
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Hawick
Oct 21. 86.

Dear Sir,

When I reported myself to you on my arrival in England, you were kind enough to ask me to come up and attend one of the S.P.G. meetings. I do not exactly know when these meetings are held, or their exact nature: but it would certainly be only right for me to take advantage of your invitation, if by so doing I could testify to the efficiency as well as the needs of the work which is so liberally supported by the Society

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Forbescourt
Dundee
Oct 29. 86.

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Dear Sir,

I shall be very glad to speak to the members of S.P.G. on Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.; and have to thank you for your kind invitation to that effect. Your letter has only reached me to-day: hence the delay in my reply.

I am,
very faithfully yours,
Alan Gibson

in our diocese. I am sure that we all feel how much we are beholden to it, and I shall be very glad to have an opportunity of saying so, and of speaking to the reality of the work.

I remain in Scotland till Nov. 1, and then gradually work down to Hampshire by Nov. 12, on the 18th or so going on to Devon and Cornwall for three or four weeks.

No intelligence has reached me yet of the acceptance of Bishop Callaway's resignation.

You will, no doubt, have received copies of the documents printed with reference to Clydesdale. As Mr. Boland some weeks ago returned into canonical relations with the Bishop, and Bishop Callaway confessedly did make a promise to do all he could to get him appointed to Clydesdale, I wrote to Bishop Key to suggest that that incumbency should be offered to him. Bishop Key quite felt with me, but the Diocesan does not, so far, approve. Nothing, therefore, is yet settled, beyond the fact on which the Bishop insists, that whether I remain at St. Cuthberts or move to Coketad or Clydesdale, I retain the Archdeaconry.

It is probable, also, that the Archdeaconry of St. Marks, vacant since 83, will shortly be filled up.

I am, Dear Sir,
yrs. very faithfully,
Alan Cheshire

stay longer, were it not that

[Barnard Castle]
Nov 6. 86.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Bishop Key was, on Oct. 31st last, collated to the see of St. John's Kaffraria, vacated by the resignation of Bishop Callaway.

I am, Sir,
your obedient servant,
Allan F. S. Gibson

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Blackawton R.S.O. Nov. 29. 1886.
Vicarage

My dear Sir,

You showed kindness to my son James J. Prater some twelve years ago, and got him a position as a Catechist to the Mission Station, at Springvale with Canon Jenkinson there, who spoke well of him, and he has been commended in the Scottish Mission Chronicle as having stood his ground and done his duty at Ensikeni in times of danger and difficulty. When he went out we told him he must work well out there for ten years at least before thinking of seeing England again for a time. An opportunity now offers for him to come over with his wife and take the sole charge of my Parish of Blackawton for twelve months. And as his good wife's name may

weak after a dangerous and exhausting illness, I am sure it would be wise and prudent for them both to come over and recruit themselves for further exertions in the African Mission field hereafter, if God should will it so.

I should be therefore very grateful if you would kindly interest yourself on his behalf in any way that lies in your power, to procure for him and his wife the year's change I have pointed out.

Would the Society (S.P.G.) be willing to pay his expenses home or grant him a year's leave of absence with his usual pay. Hoping you may be able, as I feel sure you will be willing to do us this favour, I am

Yours very truly

Daniel S. Slater -

In writing to S. P. G. please to use paper of this margin.

Kaffraria Letter Received
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Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

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Diocese of S. John's Kaffraria.

~~Report of Rev~~ ~~Missionary at~~ 267

for the ~~Quarter ending~~ Year ending Sept. 30. 1886.

~~in accordance with the Society's Circular of August 1878, paragraph 3.~~

November 30. 1886.

23/5 Sol. Eccl.

Reverend and dear Sir,

"We have ~~to put on record~~ sustained a severe indeed an irreparable loss in the death of the Ven.^ble Archdeacon Button of Clydesdale.

He has been in residence there almost from the first foundation of that Mission, and his many valuable qualities endeared him peculiarly suited for missionary work amongst the Kaffirs.

He had been brought up from his childhood amongst them, and so spoke their language quite like one of themselves, he added to a wonderful patience and gentleness a certain robust manliness of character; and above all he loved his flock; and many a one of the Church members at and around Clydesdale will carry to his death-bed, a memory of his warning gracious words. We thought he had many years of useful work before him, but God has seen otherwise: and we are left to fulfil his place; May He grant that the work he has left do not languish for want of faith.

Our dear Bishop too has resigned this year and his resignation has been accepted by the Bishops of the Province: the diocese has therefore lost now all the leading clergy, who during the last 12

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Diocese of _____

Report of Rev. _____ *Missionary at* _____

for the Quarter ending _____ 188

in accordance with the Society's Circular of August 1873, *paragraph* 3.

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years have administered to her, through good fortune and bad; this is now no slight trouble, the names will be filled up on paper, but the voice & presence of Bishop Callaway and Archdeacon Waters and Button will be no more amongst us. And this at a time of unusual difficulty and trouble depression, and one at which the character of a great part of the diocese is undergoing a change.

The change which I speak of, I have already attempted to describe to you, so I will now say no more than that it is the commencement of the change of certain large districts; from having been native territory they have been ceded to European farmers; and further the influx of a large number of colonial natives into other districts: making the population much denser: & the number of congregations of our church much more numerous: at the same time there is no increase of wealth; the new comers are poor, many of the farmers, spent all their savings in the purchase of their farms, and others have lost all or nearly all their stock from the drought.

so that while there is a great cry here for extension of Church ministrations to the European populations in Matatiele, Maclear, Cala, and Umzimkulu the people are quite unable to support a clergyman.

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Report of Rev. Missionary at

for the Quarter ending 188

in accordance with the Society's Circular of August 1873, paragraph 3. 3.

To meet this demand we have liberated Rev J.W. Green from his work at All Saints, and have sent him to Mabaleka, to take care of the English and native (Basutu & Hlubi) Congregations in that neighbourhood; he has already gone thither, though the difficulty of a house which has not yet been provided, prevents him from being actually in residence at the village of Mabaleka.

Canon Waters son of the late Archdeacon, is in charge of both All Saints and S. Albans his own mission, which he will be able to work, large as the area is, when we can provide him with one, or two, efficient native deacons, or still better priests: in addition to the catechists which he has already.

This leads me to speak of the college for training candidates per orders, which I am thankful to be able to say is already bearing fruit. Three men who have been resident there for periods varying from 6 months to two years, are now presenting themselves for deacons orders, and one who has been studying for 3 years, for priests. I repeat that our ability to extend our native missions will depend on a native ministry. and I may add that a full recognition of this fact is evinced by our efforts towards that end.

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Diocese of _____

Report of Rev _____ *Missionary at* _____

for the Quarter ending _____ 188

in accordance with the Society's Circular of August 1873, *paragraph* 3. 4

One new feature in our native work in the ensuing year will be the opening of a boarding school for native girls at Umtata, in the building hitherto used for European girls which are now transferred to Kokstad; this will be opened after the Christmas holidays; it is the first school of the kind in this diocese; the usefulness of such an institution will be manifest to all.

And now what we cannot do: as clergyman is sorely wanted for Madeira and a wide district of Pt Comfort among a number of European farmers referred to above; about more than £50 a year could be depended on from them, this of course would be wholly inadequate: his work would be largely consist in itinerating, and a hardworking priest would be much appreciated by these isolated struggling people.

S. Andrews mission amongst the Bondos is now without a resident clergyman; this was the first spot chosen by Bishop Callaway, and for various reasons the work there has not thriven since his withdrawal in 1877.

At Sabukeni the Rev. E.G. Dixon has been absolutely without pecuniary support during the last year, owing to want of funds.

Money that should have gone to the support

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Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

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Diocese of _____

Report of Rev. _____ *Missionary at* _____

for the Quarter ending _____ 188

in accordance with the Society's Circular of August 1878, paragraph 3. 5

clergy in outlying and poor districts, has been diverted necessarily to keep alive the work in more important centres, as Umtali and Kokstad, which in more favourable times ought to be able to support their own clergy.

The district of S. Augustine's has had a large accession of church people immigrants from the colony chiefly; to minister to their spiritual wants the priest in charge has engaged not less than four catechists one a young Englishman whom he has paid £3 both money raised by his own exertions, and partly from his own income. Now that he has accepted the post of archdeacon of Kokstad, the support of these unpaid men will be highly uncertain: they may stay on, and if help is not forthcoming, they will have to be withdrawn.

In the districts attached now to S. John's Umtata, there are three catechists, who have no certain income.

In the new district of Matabele, opened by Baboon, there are three promising native missions, or congregations, in which there is no

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provision for resident catechists. 27

Our position is a largely increased population of Church people, much scattered and very poor, and not only no increase of funds, but a diminution, as we are told by the Scottish Church Mission Board, that for the year 1887 we are not to expect anything more than the Episcopal income including Bp Callaway's retiring pension of £300.

I would earnestly request that in addition to the usual grant made to this diocese, an additional £400 be voted ~~[illegible]~~ and that if possible a like sum of £400, or £100 per quarter be granted during the year 1887; a notable work now already begun, which has actually been forced upon us by circumstances, to be carried on

I enclose the usual sheet of statistics;

and remain

Yours very truly

Prandsley.

Bishop of S Johns.

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Camborne Rect.
Nr Cornwall.
Dec 4. 86.

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Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your reminder of the 2nd, received here this morning. I will be at S.P.G. a few minutes before 2 p.m. on Friday, 17th.

I am very glad to have had the opportunity of speaking on behalf of the Society several times since I have been in England. I have already done so at Canterbury, Hitchin & Uffculme, and have promised to do so at Truro on the Monday next: and shall very readily take advantage of any further chances that may present themselves.

I am, Dear Sir,
v. faithfully yours,
Alan G. S. Gibson.

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[Attention is particularly requested to the instructions on page 4 as to filling up this form.]

DIOCESE OF St Johns Kaffraria

No. Umtata via King W Town 12

23 December 1886

Dear Sirs,

I beg leave to inform you that I have drawn upon you the under-mentioned Bills at 30 days' sight for £ 632 " 10-0 on account of the Society's Grant for the Diocese of St Johns Kaffraria for the Quarter ending 31st December 1886 " which amount has been appropriated to the Missionaries named in the annexed statement.

I am, dear Sirs,

Your faithful and obedient Servant,

J C Bulby

Bishop

To the Treasurers of

The Society for the Propagation

of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,

19, *Delahay Street, Westminster, London, S.W.*

No. of Bill	DATE.	PAYEE.	AMOUNT. £	s.	d.
4287	23 Dec 1886	Standard Bank, Umtata	632	10	0

Diocese of _____

NAME OF MISSIONARY.	STATION.	Period of Service for which payment is made. From	To	Amount of Payment. £	s.	d.
Bishop of St. Johns	Mutata	30 Sept	31 Dec	5	0	0.
Rev T A Williams	"			20	0	0.
" S Davis	"			15	0	0.
" J O Kland	Clydesdale			50	0	0.
" W Ngcwensa	"			16	0	0.
" J G Slater	"			37	10	0.
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" E L Coates	St Marks			30	0	0,
" P H Masiza	"			12	10	0
" Teachers	"			46	10	0,
Teachers	" (Fingland)			21	12	6.
" W G Stead	St Peters (Buttermere)			12	10	0.
" J Boord	"			7	10	0.
" C D Lundin	"			20	0	0.
" Teachers	"			35	0	0.
" J W Green	Matatiele			55	0	0.
" Teachers	All Saints			17	10	0.
" H Waters	St Alban			50	0	0.
" Teachers				33	0	0.
" A S S Gibson	St Augustines			37	10	0.
" E Jwara	"			7	10	0.
" Teachers	"			30	0	0.
" F J. Adkin	Kokstad			25	0	0.
David Lovebert	"			2	10	0.
" " R Shirat	Port St Johns			3	0	0
	Towards discount			2	15	0
				632	10	0

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Diocese of _____

NAME OF MISSIONARY.	STATION.	Period of Service for which payment is made. From	To	Amount of Payment. £	s.	d.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL,

19, DELAHAY STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.

EXTRACTS FROM [illegible]

COMPILED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE [illegible] AND MISSIONARIES.

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58. Bills * are to be drawn payable at [illegible] through a Local Committee, [illegible] the period of service [illegible] Committee, the amount [illegible] expending such money [illegible]

60. A half-yearly account [illegible] on the Society, and the actual expenditure on account [illegible] remaining in hand; and receipts from the Missionary [illegible] expenditure.

[illegible]

2. The Treasurer of the [illegible] call the special attention of [illegible] by the Society, to [illegible] by the Letter of Appropriation [illegible] Society. A Letter of [illegible] which is to regulate [illegible]

[illegible] several routes, [illegible] route, and thus avoid [illegible] from the Missionaries [illegible] When the [illegible] South London [illegible]

[illegible] subject of the Treasurer [illegible] the Society, and of its Corresponding [illegible] of those presentations, which [illegible] properly filled up, and [illegible] in London, at the usual [illegible]

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Umtata
Via King W Town
South Africa

Diocese of St Johns Kaffraria

Dear Sirs

I beg to enclose letter of advice for bill of exchange drawn on your Society to Grant to this Diocese

I am dear Sirs
Your obedient Servant
G. W. Kelly.
Bishop

The Revd
The Secretary
S.P.G.
19 Delahay Street
Westminster London S.W.

THE UMZIMKULU INCUMBENCY.

MEMORIAL TO BISHOP CALLAWAY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP.

We, the undersigned members of the congregation of the Parish of Clydesdale, Umzimkulu, beg respectfully to petition your Lordship respecting the appointment of an Incumbent of this Parish in the place of the late Venerable Archdeacon Button, for whose loss we beg to offer you our most sincere condolences and to express our deep sorrow and grief. To many of us Mr. Button expressed his last dying wish and his personal desire that his brother-in-law, the Rev. J. O. Oxland, should be appointed to succeed him, that Mr. Chater should continue as now assistant curate, and that the work of the Parish should go on undisturbed. We who were present were witnesses to the anxiety and interest he felt and took in the Mission work of the parish of Clydesdale, and saw how much his great wish was that he could feel he had left it in the charge of some one whom he knew and trusted, and to whom he had had an opportunity of going into and making understood all his plans and wishes, and one whom he confidently believed would respect them and carry them out to the best of his power.

As your Lordship will remember, you have already, on a previous, occasion, had regard to our wishes in licencing Mr. Oxland as assistant curate in this parish, and we are therefore emboldened to again approach you and respectfully solicit your favourable consideration of this our expression of confidence and reliance in Mr. Oxland, and our earnest hope that your Lordship may be able to see your way to allow the aforesaid wishes of Mr. Button to influence you in the appointment of his successor.

We are,

Your Lordship's obedient servants.

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THE BISHOP'S REPLY.

Bishop Callaway replied that he, personally, was prepared to carry out Mr. Button's wishes in regard to the appointment of Mr. Oxland, and all his other wishes, but that first he should have to get Bishop Key's consent, as all matters financial had been handed over to his control. The financial difficulty arose from the fact that the S.P.G. grant was made to the individual and not to the office or parish, consequently the particular grant received by late Archdeacon Button ceased at his death, and until a fresh grant could be arranged no appointment could be made. This difficulty was not peculiar to Mr. Oxland, but to anyone who might be nominated, but he (Bishop Callaway) warmly approved of the selection of Mr. Oxland, not because the deputation desired it, but because he considered Mr. Oxland was the fittest man for the place. Mr. Greenstock had been mentioned, but was not likely to leave Natal. A man from England was also thought of, but such a man could hardly be a suitable successor for Mr. Button's work; and Mr. Alan Gibson, who had been suggested as Archdeacon to reside at Kokstad, would be a most fitting man for such an office. He further stated that he would do all in his power to get Mr. Oxland appointed, and hoped that when Bishop Key came here after Easter he would be met by further depudations.

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PUBLIC MEETING AT UMZIMKULU.

A PUBLIC meeting convened for the purpose of discussing the existing state of church affairs was held at the Clydesdale Institute on Whit Monday, at one o'clock, when there were present about 70 persons, including Messrs. Garner, J.P. and Sideman; Wakefield Chater, (Rev.); Lowe; Gibb; Downs; Dr. Edie, M.D.; Strachan, J.P. and Churchwarden; Brisley, J.P.; Scott, Churchwarden; Davis; Whyte, sideman; several Griquas, amongst whom were P. Niekerk, A. Thomas, Present, Vausent, C. Uys, D. Niekerk, Gairner, Nero, Jason, Skaldwyk, Windvogel, also several natives, including Selan, Edwin Nkiji, Mtwishi, Sonili, Hlabela, Rini, Zulu, Thomas Mkiji, George Majola, John Ncuma.

On the motion of Mr. D. Strachan, seconded by Mr. A. G. Corbett,

Mr. J. C. Garner, A.R.M., J.P., was voted to the chair, and at his request

Mr. Strachan explained the necessity for calling this meeting. Bishop Callaway had led all the three races to believe that he would carry out the late archdeacon's wishes in accordance with his replies to the deputations, but these hopes had been cruelly and without warning dashed to the ground.

Mr. G. C. Brisley moved the first resolution in following terms:—

"Whereas it was the dying wish and prayer of the late Archdeacon Button that the Rev. J. Oxley Oxland, assistant curate of this parochial district, should be appointed his successor in the Incumbency of Clydesdale, and whereas it is the unanimous desire of the inhabitants of this district, European, Griqua, and Native, that Mr. Oxland should be so appointed, and whereas three testimonials (one from each race) setting forth that desire have been presented to the Bishop of St. John's, which memorials he pledged himself to do all in his power to comply with, and whereas in violation of the pledges given by him the Bishop of St. John's has now stated his intention of appointing the Rev. Alan Gibson as incumbent of Clydesdale, this meeting strongly condemns the action of the Bishop of St. Johns in this matter."

Memorials.

Mr. Wakefield (Bishop Callaway's steward) here objected to the meeting on the ground that the Church of England was a private body and that no public meeting had a right to meet to discuss church affairs.

Mr. G. Whyte seconded the resolution and pointed out that before passing such condemnation of Bishop Callaway's action the meeting should thoroughly understand why they did so and be sure they were in the right and justified in so doing. The Bishop, he said, was the responsible head of the Diocese and as such each congregation had approached him respectfully by petition to carry out the late Archdeacon's dying wish by appointing Mr. Oxland to succeed him as Incumbent of Clydesdale. The reply they received was that the Bishop considered Mr. Oxland the ablest man in the Diocese, as a man who had in a wonderful manner obtained a hold on the affections of the native congregation, and that in his opinion he was the fittest man to be incumbent and he would do all in his power to give him the appointment. There was no doubt about this answer, and when they met Bishop Key, by the particular request of Bishop Callaway, they were told that no adverse influence had been brought to bear on Bishop Callaway, yet, without vouchsafing any communication to the deputations and without preparing that meeting in any way, Bishop Callaway informed them through Bishop Key that they had decided to appoint Mr. Alan Gibson to this Incumbency. These, Mr. Whyte said, were the grounds upon which they were asked to pass a resolution condemning the action of Bishop Callaway.

Mr. G. R. Scott supported the motion and directed attention to the fact that the object of the meeting was not to act as partisans of Mr. Oxland, or to stir up strife, but purely to get the wishes of the late Archdeacon Button carried out in the interest of the several congregations and the Mission at Clydesdale.

Thomas Mkiji said that when Mr. Button

died he shook hands with everyone and told them they must stick together and not get scattered, that he then placed them under the care of Mr. Oxland and pointed to him and Mrs. Oxland and Mrs. Button as those they should look to. The speaker then stated he was one of the deputation who had waited upon Bishop Callaway to convey the Archdeacon's and their wishes, and that he had promised to give them Mr. Oxland, but now without warning he had given them someone else.

George Majola asked what was to be done if the wishes and instructions of Mr. Button, which they all knew, were not carried out.

Rini said he was glad to come and discuss Mr. Button's last wishes. His death had been that of a christian, they could all realise that it was so. He had told them he left Mr. and Mrs. Oxland behind in his place. The native custom was to carry out a man's dying wishes and it was their desire to do so.

Sonili also said Mr. Button told them to look to Mr. Oxland as his successor. Natives never departed from the wishes of a dead man.

Thomas Mkiji said that the action of the Bishop was upsetting their belief that when a man died as a Christian it should carry no weight.

David Niekerk said Mr. Button had handed them over to Mr. and Mrs. Oxland and Mrs. Button, and Bishop Callaway promised to carry out this arrangement. He never could have imagined that trouble could arise out of such a christian death. but he saw that trouble had come and the work of the church was being hindered.

Selan said they were all relying upon the promise that Mr. Oxland would succeed Mr. Button, but the Bishops had dashed their hopes to the ground.

Andrius Thomas, churchwarden of the Griqua congregation, said he had been with Mr. Button since he first came to Clydesdale and had worked with him ever since. Mr. Button handed them over to Mr. Oxland and said he wished the Bishop to appoint Mr. Oxland as his successor. He was one of the deputation who went to Bishop Callaway and he had told them it was also his wish to appoint Mr. Oxland. The deputation asked to have the reply in writing, but Bishop Callaway told them he could not lie with so many witnesses. They had depended on the Bishop's promise, but now saw they had been east on one side.

The meaning of the resolution having been thoroughly explained to both Griquas and natives, as also that they were being asked to signify their assent or dissent, and there being no amendment, it was put to the meeting and carried with one dissentient (Mr. Wakefield).

Mr. Strachan proposed the second resolution in following terms :—

"That this meeting protests against the action of the Bishop of St. John's in appointing a perfect stranger to the Incumbency of Clydesdale, in total disregard of the unanimous request of the inhabitants of the district for the appointment of the Rev. J. Oxley Oxland, a clergyman well known, beloved, and respected throughout the district, and whom the Bishop of St. John's has himself admitted to be well qualified and fitted for the office of Incumbent of Clydesdale."

Mr. Scott seconded.

Mr. Wakefield proposed as an amendment that the words "unanimous request of the inhabitants" be taken out and that "at the request of most of the inhabitants" be substituted, but no seconder could be found. The resolution was put to the meeting and carried nem. con.

The next resolution, proposed by Mr. A. G. Corbett, seconded by Mr. Scott, and carried nem. con. read as follows :—

"Whereas the action of the Bishop of St. John's and his coadjutor in forcing on the inhabitants of this district their own nominee as Incumbent of Clydesdale is certain to increase the existing confusion and want of harmony in the Diocese, this meeting earnestly and respectfully requests and entreats the Metropolitan to make a visitation to this Diocese with a view to the restoration of peace and harmony in the church."

Mr. Brisley then proposed :—

"That whereas the farm Clydesdale on which the Mission is situated was a free gift from the Griqua Government for the use of the people of this district, and whereas another farm, Riverside, subsequently sold by the Bishop to Mr. Davis for 400*l*, was also a free gift to provide funds for building the present church, and whereas funds were also voluntarily provided by the parishoners towards the church building and institute, this meeting challenges the moral right of the Bishop of St. John's to exclude the Laity from having a voice in the nomination of the Incumbent of Clydesdale."

And in doing so explained that the farm Clydesdale was given as a free gift by Adam Kok and his government for church purposes for the inhabitants of all races in the district, and to provide funds to build the church another farm was given. Bishop Callaway then advanced 150*l* and subsequeutly sold this second farm for 400*l*. Mr. Brisley stated he went into these details to show the accuracy of the resolution, as he was secretary to Adam Kyk at the time and knew all his intentions.

It was seconded by Mr. Andreas Thomas, who corroborated what Mr. Brisley had stated, and said he knew the facts well and remembered that there was opposition to it by certain members of the council, but Adam Kok carried the grant saying he would not assent to any hindrance of the gospel.

David Niekerk said he also recollected about the farm being given by Adam Kok's Government.

Mr. Strachan, in answer to a question from Mr. Wakefield, said Clydesdale originally belonged to him and he sold the buildings and improvements for 250*l*, but not the farm. Adam Kok gave him another farm in its place and made a free gift of Clydesdale, as stated by the mover. Moreover, he was actually present with Bishop Callaway when the transaction took place. Carried nem. con.

Mr. Strachan then proposed :—

"That whereas had the prayer of the Laity of this district been acceded to and the Rev. Oxley Oxland appointed Incumbent of Clydesdale Mrs. Button and her children would have remained in occupation of their home on the Mission on which the late Archdeacon expended so much money and labour, and whereas Mrs. Button and her children will be deprived of their home, this meeting cannot too strongly condemn the action of the Bishop of St. John's and his coadjutor in this matter."

He pointed out that at last meeting everyone was too dumbstruck to speak coolly or put the matter better before the Bishops, and in the course of his remarks said that the people were moved and indignant because the Archdeacon's dying wishes were being set aside with indecent haste, and his widow and orphans neglected. The conduct of the Bishops was uncharitable and unfeeling.

Mr. Whyte seconded. Carried nem. con.

The last resolution, moved by Mr. Brisley, seconded by Mr. Corbett and carried nem. con., was :—

"That copies of the resolutions passed at this meeting be forwarded at once to the Bishop of St. John's, the Coadjutor Bishop, the Synod about to meet, the Metropolitan, the Rev. Alan Gibson, the S.P.G., and any other societies or persons in England interested in this Mission, and the newspapers. And that a record of the discussion thereon and any other requisite information be forwarded to assist the Metropolitan in respect of the matters discussed."

A committee to carry out the wishes of the meeting was then formed, consisting of Messrs. Brisley, Strachan, Scott and Whyte, with power to add to their number.

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